

# CITY OF REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION

## *MINUTES*

August 10, 2006

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center

*"Voice the views of the community to Mayor and City Council in reference to all cultural endeavors"*

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Roy Leban, , Eva Moon, Latha Sambamurti, Kay Tarapolsi, Vice Chair Tom Flynn (left meeting at 9:47 pm), Lisa Shine, Kamal Siegel (arrived 7:10 pm)

**ABSENT AND EXCUSED:** Jill Krusinski, John Stilin

**STAFF PRESENT:** Melna Skillingstead, Arts Administrator; Debra Churchill, Recreation Program Manager; Sergey Smirnov, Recording Secretary

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Penny Orloff

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### **AGENDA**

***Note: Bold/italic text denotes Staff and Commissioner follow-up resulting from this meeting.***

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Ray Leban called to order the regular meeting of the Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) at 7:09 p.m. at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center.

### **MEETING ORGANIZATION**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes**

The Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) minutes of July 13, 2006 were approved with the following changes:

IV. Add the sentence "Commissioner Jill Krusinski will be the contact for the Handbook Committee"

VIII. A. Change the second sentence to read "However, because of the difficulty of grant deadlines coinciding with the bi-annual budget..."

**Motion for approval of the RAC minutes of July 13, 2006 as amended by:** Commissioner Tarapolsi  
**Second by:** Commissioner Sambamurti  
**Motion carried:** 7-0 unanimous

**B. Addition to agenda**

V. Special Items

E. Add 2 minutes of time for Artist Roster

VIII. Visual Arts

D. Redmond Outdoor Sculpture RFP Update

**C. Chair/Vice Chair Report**

Chairperson Leban introduced the new agenda design to streamline improve efficiency of the meeting. This design includes new sections such as Meeting Organization, Staff Reports, Special Items and Committee Reports.

**ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE (four minute limit per person)**

**A. Grant Application Submittal**

Penny Orloff, a prominent arts activist and recipient of the 1991 and 2001 Redmond Volunteer Arts Award, introduced her three-part workshop at the Redmond Library on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup> on promoting and publishing literary art. Since the workshop occurs before the next RAC meeting, Orloff asked for the grant monies to be approved at September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Schedule Park & Art Tour-bring your calendar**

Skillingstead presented an opportunity to conduct a Park and Art Tour in order to familiarize the Commissioners with the Parks system and to brainstorm ideas where more art is needed. The tour is to be between 1.5 and 2 hours long. Skillingstead is to propose a list of sites and possible dates via email. An announcement will be made at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**B. GIS map of City and Art locations**

Skillingstead presented an update to the GIS map of current art locations and asked for further input. The map will be accessible at future meetings.

## **SPECIAL ITEMS**

### **A. Commissioner terms letter**

Due to Commissioner Krusinski's absence, the term letters discussion was moved to the September RAC meeting. Commissioner Tarapolsi expressed her concern for the time spent on the project.

### **B. Committee Restructure Committee Update**

No meeting took place due to scheduling difficulty.

### **C. Discuss Strategic Plan draft**

Skillingstead provided a copy of the revised plan based on the changes made at the July 13<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning Meeting. The goal for the discussion was to create a balance of strategies to address various goals expressed in the Strategic Plan. Churchill expressed that even though it is unnecessary to rush the process, it will be difficult to get the Strategic Plan adopted by the Redmond City Council due to future budget meetings. Commissioner Shine committed to editing the document to reflect the changes made during the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Each Commissioner will provide additional revisions to Shine.

Leban suggested adopting a set of ground rules in order to establish a successful work procedure. Vice-Chair Flynn volunteered to edit the ground rules used at the strategic planning sessions in order to make them appropriate for regular meetings. He will send them out 2 weeks before the September 14<sup>th</sup> RAC meeting.

### ***Intermission – Kay Tarapolsi, Jewelry***

### **D. Website Input and Discussion**

A note was made that in order to avoid starting a rolling discussion via email, commissioners should avoid responding in email to comments made by other commissioners.

The Web Committee is to meet in the end of August or beginning of September with Commissioner Moon as a new member. Commissioner Shine requested for an extension of the live period.

### **E. Artist Roster**

Commissioner Moon presented a proposed form to be placed on the website to gather Artist Roster information. Once created, the roster will be available on the website.

## **PERFORMING ARTS**

### **A. Site Specific Performances Update**

Commissioner Sambamurti reported that the Arts in the Parks Summer Concert Series is successful and well attended with three more performances remaining.

The 2006 Site Specific Performances are:

1. Christian Swenson Modern Vocals: October 24<sup>th</sup> 9-11 am at Redmond City Hall and Redmond Post Office
2. Big Band: Redmond Saturday Market in Redmond Town Center on September 16<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to noon
3. The Tempest by Sound Theater Company: on the shore of Lake Sammamish at Idylwood Park 2 pm on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Churchill requested the info to be sent to the Redmond Tourism Website, [www.experienceredmond.com](http://www.experienceredmond.com)

## **VISUAL ARTS**

### **A. Historical Society Mural Proposal**

Leban verified with the commission that everybody had taken the opportunity to review the information on the Anacortes Art Murals. In discussion, Chairperson Leban did not feel the Historical Society Mural project fits with the mission of the RAC. Commissioner Tarapolsi expressed that it is important to have the RAC name associated with the project. Even though Commissioner Siegel liked the work seen in Anacortes, he commented that it might not be appropriate with the visual signature of Redmond. Skillingstead commented that this is an opportunity to adopt a policy regarding public murals.

Discussion tabled to the Visual Arts Committee.

### **B. Art Outside the Box Recommendation**

The purpose of the pilot project is to test its feasibility in the Northwest weather and the public reaction. The cost is to be split between the Public Works Department and the Art Commission, with money to be potentially taken out of surplus ROS curator funds. Commissioner Moon expressed the need to explain the reason for the project and how residents can continue it on a personal level. Commissioner Tarapolsi articulated the importance of establishing a commitment to the project.

**Motion to approve the Art Outside the Box Recommendation by:**  
Commissioner Siegel.

**Second by:** Commissioner Sambamurti.

**Motion carried:** 4-0-2

Skillingstead proposed forming an Art Outside the Box team to lead the project and establish protocol to continue the project. Commissioner Tarapolsi nominated Commissioner Siegel to lead the team.

**C. Public Safety Building % for Art Project**

Chairperson Leban presented the proposal for percent for Art Funding at the Public Safety Building. After discussion at the Visual Arts Committee, a meeting will be set up between Leban, Police Department representatives and staff to develop a process for creating a call for artists to be approved at the September 14<sup>th</sup> RAC meeting.

**D. Redmond Outdoor Sculpture RFP**

Commissioner Tarapolsi requested a final copy of the RFP to be presented to the RAC.

**GRANTS**

**A. Org. Support Grant Recommendation – Second Story Rep**

**Motion to award SecondStory Repertory \$1500.00 for an Organizational Support Grant by:** Commissioner Tarapolsi.

**Second by:** Commissioner Shine.

**Motion carried:** 6-0 unanimous

**GENERAL NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Moon will partake in the Hellenic Heritage Festival at Marymoor Park on August 12<sup>th</sup>. The festival provides a wide variety of activities for families including Greek and Balkan crafts, food and music.

Commissioner Tarapolsi informed the RAC that the Arab American Heritage Day at Lake Sammamish State Park, Issaquah will be held on August 26th, 2006 from 2 to 7pm. The Arab Center of Washington will have a food booth and an information booth. Proceeds from both booths will benefit the Lebanese Red Cross. This event is free and includes free parking. Sponsored by Arab Center of Washington and the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission.

Chairperson Leban reported that the Paladin Art (P.Art) Gallery in Redmond Town Center is having an opening on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn by:** Commissioner Tarapolsi.

**Second by:** Commissioner Shine.

**Motion carried:** 6-0 unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Sergey Smirnov.

**NEXT REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION MEETING:  
September 14, 2006**

# Redmond Arts Commission

**Meeting: August 10, 2006**

## **Audience Present**

*Please note: Information provided at this public meeting becomes part of the City's permanent record.*

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